

## Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE.

Our Correspondent Writes Interestingly of His Swing Around a Circle of Thriving and Hospitable Cities.

Charlottesville, Va., special—We were out of town during the Xmas holidays is the reason we failed to have a letter in the last week's issue. We had the pleasure of visiting, Richmond, Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk and Portsmouth. At Norfolk we were in attendance at the Annual Conference of colored Y. M. C. A's, representing Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland and the District of Columbia, which convened on the 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st of December. The Conference was one the most successful ever held and the hospitality of the people of Norfolk will be long remembered by all who attended. The people of Norfolk are wide awake to the Y. M. C. A. work, having erected a building at the cost of \$8,000. Messrs. J. E. Moore and W. A. Hunton, International Committee Secretaries, and Mr. C. C. Dogan, Gen'l Secretary Norfolk Association did everything possible to make it pleasant for the several delegates. We stopped in company with Mr. H. B. Frissell, Riddle University, of Charlottesville, at the home of Mrs. Ida R. Smith, of Norfolk, whose treatment of us will never be forgotten. We had the pleasure of meeting Revs. R. A. Brown, H. Mitchell, D. P. Seaton, Prof. J. M. Gandy of Petersburg, Prof. B. J. Brown of Livingstone College, S. J. Gilliam, of Norfolk, and Prof. G. W. Bray, of Berkeley, Va. It was very pleasant for us while in Norfolk; and a host of whom space will not allow mention. At Hampton Norfolk, we had a pleasant chat with principal H. B. Frissell and many of the students. Stopping in Norfolk, while waiting for the train at the time pleasantly with Hon. H. Mitchell, jr., Editor Planet, and Mr. J. E. Byrd, President of United and Insurance Co., who reports prosperity is on the increase in that section. Mr. Chas. Preston visited Richmond during the Xmas holidays. Mr. A. Scott Webb, who has been spending some time in Philadelphia is in the city, en route to Butte, Montana, with W. A. jr., son of Senator Clark the Copper King of the West. Miss Jennie Brown is home after several days visit to Washington, D. C. Miss Rosa Whipp, after a few days visit returned to Washington this week. Mr. N. F. Berry of Lynchburg, Va., and Mr. E. L. Baptist of Buffalo Springs, Va., were in the city last week the guests of Mr. J. Henry Dickerson on 5th street. Mr. J. H. Dickerson gave a dinner Sunday in honor of Messrs. N. F. Berry and E. L. Baptist at his home on N. 5th street. We must say it was the most up-to-date dinner we have had the pleasure of attending. Mr. Dickerson is our leading caterer of the city. Those present were: Mr. J. H. Dickerson, the host, Messrs. N. F. Berry, Lynchburg, E. L. Baptist, Buffalo Springs, R. A. Graves, Danville, Robt. Keiser, Jno. L. Harris, C. H. Brown and C. H. Bullock. The American can be gotten at Pollard and Noble's barber shop or from Mr. A. F. Angel at the University.

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